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## 2012 United Way Chili Cook Off

Misty Finney, the RFD United Way representative, would like to thank all the RFD members who participated in this year's United Way Chili Cook Off on Oct 24: Carol Crouch (Derail's Campfire Chili); Shari Call (Classic Chili con Carne); Chief Bob Bock (Bock's "I'm Outta Here" Chili); Mark Annas (Where's the Beef? Chili); Cpt Mike Staley (Chili Wars VI; Return of the Chili); Eng Bret Bauer (BB's Chili); Station 3 crew Cpt Dave Bakas, Eng Greg Bluma, FF/PM Ron Rondero (Los "3" Bomberos Chili); and Misty Finney (BeattleJuice). We had over eight pots of chili.

Thanks to Norma Pagan; Cpt Don Lee; Explorers Carlos Chavez and Gavin Meeks; UASI staff member; and Chief Bob Bock for helping with the set up of the booth. Norma and Chief Bock also served up the chili in costume with me. In addition, thanks to Bob Markin for coming down and taking pictures of us and for Station 1 for bringing the engine to fill the dunk tank and later the ladder truck to attract attention to our booth. It was a group effort.



Although the RFD didn't win any prizes this year, the event was a success with over \$2400 being raised for United Way. Winners were: People's Choice-Public Utilities; Best Booth-City Manager; Best Chili-City Attorney; Second Place Tie Best Chili-General Services and Public Works.





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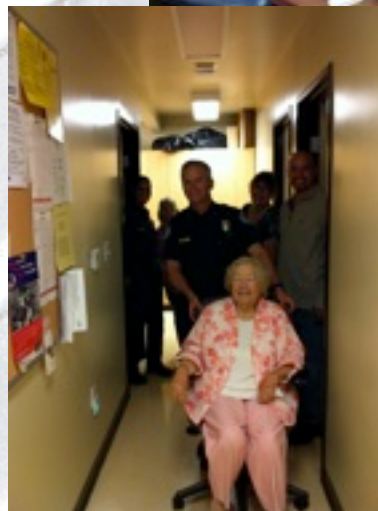
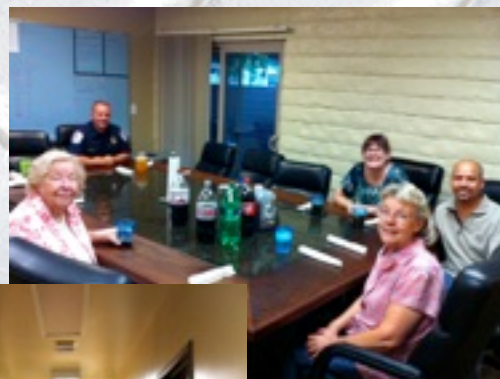
**Thank you letter sent by Kathy Martinez to Station 2A on Oct 9:** Hi Lisa, I can't begin to thank you and ALL the Thursday night crew for the amazing time you created for me and my family. The hospitality you gave us was beyond anything I imagined the evening would bring. I am so glad I won the silent auction after being in a bidding war with an acquaintance of mine!!!

The meal was unbelievably tasty and I am so sorry that Mike, the cook, could not be at the table with us to hear our compliments as we ate. I know that an awful lot of time and energy went into the preparation and I am truly in awe!!! The cupcakes and cookies from Long Beach were a delicious way to top off the dinner!

To all the firefighters we had the pleasure to eat with and play cards with, thank you so much for sharing your fire house life with us. We all left with a new appreciation for what your jobs entail and the sacrifices all of you make to protect Riverside.

The ride in the fire truck was so much fun! Thank you for all the details shared with us about what goes on while being in the truck on the way to an emergency. The tour of the fire station certainly made me more aware of how your time is spent between fire alarms and medical emergency calls.

All the best to everyone! Kathy Martinez and Family





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## Birthdays



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## Retirees



### November Birthdays

Chris Adams	11/20
Rich Bennett	11/30
Tony Burciago	11/27
Jeff DeLaurie	11/2
Steve Earley	11/4
Andy Ferchaw	11/23
Renee Griffin	11/13
Brian Guzzetta	11/18
Don Henry	11/8
Steve Horton	11/2
Dave Lesh	11/2
Ken Lundgren	11/19
Dave McClellan	11/26
Brandon Mollicone	11/23
Keith Moore	11/17
Lisa Munoz	11/27
Ron Nunan	11/12
Greg Papo	11/3
Eric Peniata	11/29
Tim Strack	11/12
John Wescott	11/10
Sean Wilde	11/2

**Retirements:** Eng Tim Rise retired after 25 years of dedicated service on Sept 13, 2012. The department wishes Tim well in this new phase of life.

**Resignation:** After 12 years of dedicated service, FF/ PM Keith Anderson has filed for a medical retirement effective Oct 30, 2012. The department wishes Keith a full and speedy recovery.



Station 2B shared a reunion lunch with former co-workers Keith Anderson, Jeff Larson, and Tim Rise



Congratulations to Crispin Nunez on completing front end truck certification and to Todd LeSieur for passing his engine certification process!!!





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October 29, 2012

Mike Koury, Battalion Chief  
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Dear Mike,

Thank you for taking the time to assist with our Fire Captain Assessment Center. I really appreciate the time and effort you devoted to evaluating our fourteen candidates for the position. The Oral Interviews and Emergency Response Simulations in which you participated are a vital step in determining the most qualified candidates. With your assistance, I am confident that we have accomplished this job very effectively.

Once again, thank you for the invaluable service you provided. It was a pleasure working with you. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance to your agency in the future. Thank you again for your help.

Kind regards,

John Medina  
Fire Chief

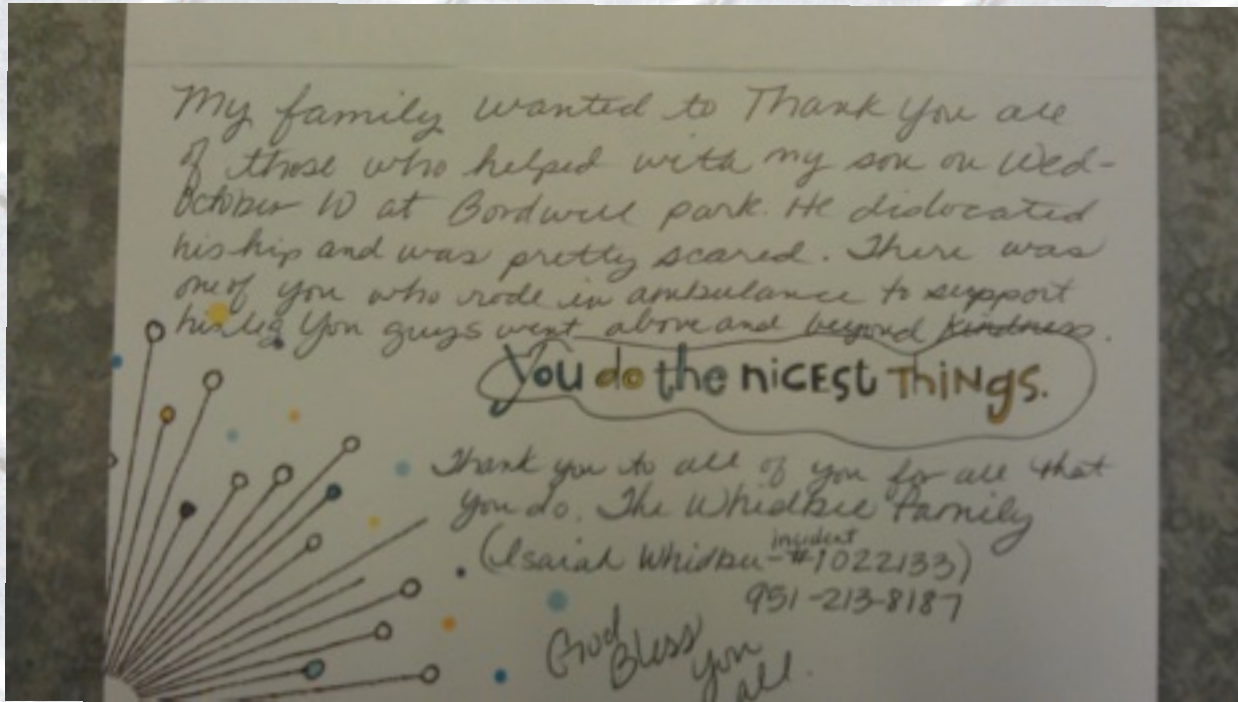
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**Castle Park Safety Fair:** E12A crew (Todd Gooch, Ray Mendoza, Chris Boykin, and Zach Pettikas) attended the annual Safety Fair at Castle Park on Oct 6.







The family stopped by the station for a visit with the crew. Pictured with the family are Stibal and Stamper. Stibal is the one who held the patient's leg to Loma Linda University Medical Center. (Not pictured: Perna and Priddy)

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BC LaWayne Hearn and Captain Tony Perna were part of the HR Pace Class that was hosted by Riverside City Fire on Oct 24.



## Leadership Riverside Fundraiser

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Local News headlines in the Oct 17 edition of the Press Enterprise described, "At a recent Good Morning Riverside meeting, sponsored by the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce, the Leadership Class of 2012 presented Path of Life Ministries with a check in the amount of \$70,101.56."

The funds were raised at the Sheltering heARTS premiere event held in September at the Riverside Art Museum. The event was created and sponsored by the Leadership Riverside Class of 2012 to help raise awareness and critical funds to assist Path of Life in delivering programs that impact the quality of life of all residents and more directly the lives of homeless individuals and families in the Riverside/Inland Empire communities."

Riverside City Fire Department Fire Marshal Bill Schellhous is a member of the Leadership Class of 2012.



RFD Division Chief/Fire Marshal Bill Schellhous is fourth from the left in photo



**Happy Anniversary  
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Oct 7 was the 125th anniversary of the Riverside City Fire Department. At the Oct 9 City Council meeting, Fire Chief Steve Earley was presented with a mayoral proclamation recognizing the 125th anniversary of our department.

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## **The Great Shake Out**



On Oct 18, Riverside City employees participated in the Great ShakeOut along with 18 million other Americans. They practiced "Drop, Cover, and Hold On".



# RESPONSES

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Left: Station 3C crew (Bakas and Hess) had to use several tools to remove a ring on Halloween Day.

Below: Crews in action at the Hawarden Fire on Oct 28.





More Mail...

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October 29, 2012

Dear Chief Steven H. Earley,

On behalf of The Grove Community Church, I would like to thank you for partnering with us in our annual Fall Festival, Trunk n Treat. We greatly appreciate Riverside Fire Department's continued support of our annual event. Because of your support thousands of children and adults were able to come to a fun and safe environment at The Grove Community Church. This event would not have been possible without your partnership.

Thank you for benefitting our church and community in this way. Tax ID is 95-6006179.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kerry Warren".

Kerry Warren  
Assoc. Pastor – Families  
The Grove Community Church

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## Pink Events

RFD personnel participated in several October Breast Cancer Awareness events including the Pink Ribbon 5K Walk/Run at Fairmount Park on Oct 27 and the Candlelight Vigil at City Hall on Oct 4. Thanks to everyone.

RFD personnel have the option of wearing special "pink ribbon" t-shirts on duty during the months of October and November.





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Above: Misty Finney, Shari Call, and Norma Pagan competed in the United Way Costume Contest on Oct 31 where Riverside employees could cast a vote for a \$1 donation to United Way. Over \$50 was raised by the department that day. Thanks to all who gave!!!

Left: Cpt Tim Odebralski and his USAR canine search partner were featured in the Oct/Nov edition of *Riverside* magazine.

Below: Station 10C crew took "Stache-tober" seriously. (Chris Boykin, Roger Cutshall, and John Peurifoy)





## **“Uplifted by Humor” by Danielle Wesche**

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Danielle Wesche, daughter of BC Mitch Wesche and CBU nursing student, wrote this Oct 13 blog that may be applicable to understanding how we as firefighters deal with some of the stresses of our profession (just substitute the word firefighter for nurse):

*There are many different ways a person can react to any given situation. One can talk, cry, sing, listen, learn, dream, re-live, or even laugh about it. Different situations call for different personalized reactions. Humor is a favored reaction among many, especially in challenging situations.*

*It is no secret that nursing school or the nursing profession presents many challenging situations. Having the ability to laugh and find humor in difficult times can give you the strength to continue with a positive attitude. Humor can make nurses feel more connected through laughter by relating various comical events to the stressors of daily life. When I share a laugh with a fellow nursing student, it gives me the opportunity to bond. Not only do we have nursing school, stress, and a heavy workload in common, but also the ability to make the best of it all. This bonding can also be found in the nursing profession with other healthcare providers and with patients and their families.*

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*Even though there are many benefits of humor in nursing, there are also boundaries. As a nursing student, I need to make sure my humor is appropriate. You should not be finding comedy at the expense of a patient, fellow student, or other healthcare provider. Crossing this boundary could cause psychological harm to the person at the root of the joke. Inappropriate humor may interfere with patient care, work against team collaboration in the hospital, or give healthcare professionals a bad reputation in society.*

*Laughter, when appropriate, can connect, heal, and relieve stress. I have the ultimate privilege of going to nursing school with the funniest, smartest, and most encouraging students and faculty. In the movie Mary Poppins, there is a scene in which uncontrollable laughter brings the characters to the ceiling. I've always thought this scene was a symbolic depiction of the load that is lifted off our shoulders when we are laughing. My stress load always feels a little lighter when I think of the genuine collaboration I am surrounded by everyday.*

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**Station 2 Auction Dinner:** Kathy Martinez and her family dined at Fire Station 2 the evening of Oct 2. Kathy had bid over \$400 for the dinner in a silent auction for the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center at their annual Comedy Night. Mike Staley, along with assistant chefs Anthony Frausto and Renee Griffin, cooked a delicious shrimp/scallop taco dinner. Dinner was followed by gourmet cupcakes and ice cream along with an engine ride and a station tour. The dinner was nearly thwarted by a drug lab haz mat response Downtown, but thanks to the initiative of Truck 2 crew (Staley, Bauer, Frausto, and Reed) to respond first and investigate, the other Station 2 crew members (Wesche, Holloway, Wilde, Harter, Galik, and Griffin) were able to remain at the station and entertain the auction winners.



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## Then & Now Answer



*The Building that is still standing at the corner of University and Franklin is, the original Station #4.*

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## Then & Now Question

*3 questions; Where is this photo?  
What is missing from the photo? &  
What year is this photo?*





# Mt. Elbrus Climb

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Dave Lesh  
Matt Mathis

